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### COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

The Carlsbad Schools Close the  
Year's Work.

#### SIX GRADUATES—CLASS OF 1908

Most Imposing Program Ever Rendered  
in Their History.

In the presence of the largest and most intellectual audience ever assembled in this city the annual commencement exercises were held last Monday evening.

The large hall on the corner of Tansill Block formerly used as a skating rink had been secured for the occasion and although it had been filled with chairs, standing room was soon at a premium. Fully 1000 people composing the audience. The furnishing and appointments of the stage were in exquisite taste being touched up with white and green tapestries representing the class colors. The background was white canvas from the center of which was supported by green streamers, a large green star containing the letters '08.

Above was the very appropriate class motto—"Just Entering the Portals," while in profusion was displayed the class flower, white carnations.

In his simple yet impressive style Rev. J. R. Wood pronounced the invocation, which was followed by a musical selection, a piano duet by Misses Buna Heard and Lissie Lee Daugherty. These young ladies displayed both talent and skill and received a very complimentary applause.

Next was Miss Nellie May Eakin as 'Class Historian,' whose ready familiarity with classic love and the makers of the world's history showed broad scholarship and ability for real intellectual merit; her selection was the best of the evening and left the audience in a happy mood for the tableau "The Dreamers" which followed it.

"Possibilities Past and Present" was the theme of a masterly oration delivered by Leon Howard Mudgett a young man whose oratorical abilities will surely win for him a place among the growing generation he so ably represented. He was followed by a piano solo rendered by Miss Carrie Dye, which elicited such an applause she was compelled to respond with an encore, it too was well received.

The Class Poem by Elma Lucile Smith was a surprise even to her friends who knew something of her poetical spirit. Her poem is printed in full in this issue. Surely the Muse has visited her as it did also Myrtle Dee Harkey, "The Class Prophet," whose prophecies showed she too was extensively acquainted with the classic love and ancient myth of people now almost forgotten.

The vocal duet by Willie D. Matheson and Charles Washington Rarey was quite a treat to the audience, they too were encouraged until they responded with a repetition of their song.

Robert Thomas Ezell's address on "Western Supremacy" was a high tribute to his country, his delivery was good and his sentiments are indicative of the patriotism characterizing the western youth of today.

The Glee Club sang "Italia" and Miss Camille Grantham gave a piano solo both of which were exceptionally good. Miss Anna Helena Klauder delivered the "Valedictory" in a pathetic manner. Her tribute to the school board, teachers, and pupils, was such one as can be paid only by those who feel the sentiments her words would convey. After the Valedictory came the "Revels of the Naides"—a drill by a number of the High school girls. Nothing prettier than this was ever seen on a stage in Carlsbad. Judge C. R. Brice had been selected to deliver the diplomas, but he transferred the office to Brother Wood saying he did not think the best looking man, but the best man should have this honor.

All the graduates joined in the farewell song and after this the audience was dismissed by the solemn and impressive benediction pronounced by Rev. Mar-

### GOVERNMENT FREE LAND

How To Acquire It In Eddy  
County New Mexico.

#### COUNTRY FOR HOMESEEKERS

Many Good Free Farms Still To  
Be Obtained In This Territory.

Office of J. E. Reeves, U. S.  
Court Commissioner.

Knowles, New Mexico.

May 6th, 1908.

To the Homeseeker: Having received more letters of inquiry than I am able to answer, I am sending out this general letter in which I shall attempt to give a conscientious and truthful description of the country with a few facts in regard to homesteads.

Less than two years ago this section was an undeveloped area of something like thirty-six hundred square miles. Since the summer of 1906 people have been continually drifting into it from every point of the compass

yet unappropriated with not an acre of waste land on them.

Indian corn, Kaffir corn, Milo maize and millet grow here in abundance; cotton has been grown without cultivation which produced 1-3 of a bale per acre. Vegetables of all kinds and also fruits do well here. Orchards planted three years have abundance of fruit this year.

No country can boast of better water—an exhaustive supply of which is obtained by digging wells from twelve to ninety feet in depth.

About 275,000 acres of this land is surveyed into townships and cut up into 160 acre tracts and can be filed on at Knowles or at the District Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico and the remaining lands are being surveyed as fast as the large force of government surveyors can do the work. Towns in this section are Knowles, Monument, Roberts, Lovington, Plainview, and Bronco.

Any citizen of the United States over the age of twenty-one years; any one who is the head of the family, or, any one who has legally declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States, who is not the owner of more than 160 acres of land in any state or territory is entitled to the homestead privilege. In order to make the affidavits required upon the filing of a homestead entry it is necessary that the party, desiring to file said entry should go upon the land, ascertain the quality of the land embraced in such legal subdivision (40 acres) whether or not there are any indications of minerals of any kind and as nearly as possible become thoroughly acquainted with the location. After making the examination the next act is to go before a proper officer and make oath to the following affidavit: That the requirements given above are fulfilled and that they will live there and make it their home for a period of five years.

The settler is then allowed six months within which time residence must be established in a house upon the land—five years continuous residence upon the land to earn a free patent and fourteen months continuous residence to entitle settler, to commute the homestead or pay for a patent at \$1.25 per acre.

In view of prospective railroad development, Knowles is very favorably located, two lines drawn across the map, one beginning at Quanah and ending at El Paso, Texas, and the other beginning at Ft. Worth and ending at Roswell, New Mexico, will intersect each other near Knowles. There are railroad companies proposing to build roads on the above described lines and I have no doubt that in the near future either one or the other or possibly both these roads will be constructed. At least it is only a matter of a very short time when the rapid development of the country will offer great inducements and roads are sure to be constructed and before the first locomotive whistle is heard many 160 acre claims now unappropriated will

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shall.

The exercises were in every way a success and only praise is heard from those who attended. The teachers are receiving much favorable comment from the patrons for their painstaking work in training the children for the occasion.

#### Notice to Debtors.

The Fraser-Bateman Company has sold its entire assets consisting of stock of goods notes and accounts to George Bruce, who will dispose of the stock and collect all accounts. Therefore all persons knowing themselves indebted to the Fraser-Bateman Company are notified to call at the store and make settlement by cash or note at once. All who do not call or communicate before June 1st, may expect costs to be added. Some settlement either by cash or secured note must be made in order to save heavy costs.

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until at present there are nearly two thousand families scattered over its surface and emigrants are coming in increasing numbers month by month. Towns with schools and churches are springing into existence and where two years ago the cattle grazed unmolested the country is all fenced and being planted in grain and cotton.

There is no timber here except a scrubby growth of mesquite which will only be sufficient for fire wood for a few years. The settlers are planting black locust for posts and wood after the mesquite is exhausted. From east to west the soil varies from a red sandy loam to a heavy black sandy loam and in some localities it very nearly approaches the black waxy soil of middle and north Texas. Gravelly ridges are found interspersed here and there, affording good locations for dwelling etc. Very seldom if ever will be found 160 acres in a body which has not sufficient good loam for a farm and the gravelly lands affords an abundance of fine grass for pasture. There are many 640 acre tracts

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want clothes  
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Oklahoma never offered better opportunities to the homeseeker than New Mexico is offering at the present time.

If you should come to this section, I invite you to my office at Knowles and I will take pleasure in giving you any information at my command, doing all I can to make you welcome in our town and country.

Very Respectfully Yours,  
J. E. REEVES.